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TOPIC <u>KVP Ammunition Depot in Kluess</u> 632668	
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1. Designation and Subordination

The ammunition depot at Kluess is subordinate directly to the KVP Department of the Ministry of the Interior. The depot was also referred to as KVP office Kluess I.

2. Organization and Strength

The unit at the ammunition depot was organized into headquarters and technical platoon, whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets, signal section, whose personnel wore yellow-bordered black epaulets, administrative personnel wearing red-bordered dark-green epaulets, and a guard company, the officers of which wore black-bordered red epaulets and the EM red epaulets. The unit numbered about 230 men, of whom about 50 belonged to the headquarters, administrative staff and signal section, about 30 to the technical platoon and about 150 to the guard company. One Captain Franke (fnu) was chief of the depot and one Senior Lieutenant Kurt Ball was in command of the guard company.

3. Storage Facilities and Ammunition

Soviet ammunition, including armor-piercing shells, all kinds of artillery ammunition, hand grenades, mines, explosives, and up to 160-mm mortar ammunition were stored in 200 above-ground concrete bunkers, each measuring 15 x 30 meters. The ammunition arrived in three trains in August 1952. Another 13 carloads of ammunition arrived from Doberlug in November 1952.

4. Miscellaneous

The ammunition depot at Kluess supplied all KVP firing ranges, for example Zuellsdorf, Zeithain and Jaegerbrueck. A railroad siding to the depot was under construction.

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Comment. The report fails to clearly indicate the actual stock of ammunition available at the depot. The KVP does not have 160-mm mortars and it is therefore not plausible why 160-mm mortar ammunition should have been stored there. The ordnance school for technical sergeants (Feuerwerker Schule) previously held in Kluess is not mentioned in the report.

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a course for technical sergeants is included in the ordnance school at Pirna. There is reason for believing that the former Feuerwerker Schule in Kluess was merged with the ordnance school in the fall of 1953.

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